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**PATENT**

**Attorney Docket No. NTI-025**

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Application No.: 10/025,414	)	
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Title METHOD FOR PROVIDING FLEXIBLE AND	)	
DYNAMIC REPORTING CAPABILITY USING	)	
SIMULATION TOOLS	)	

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